

1379
Kiss a PATRIOT'S A--se.

OR,

LETTERS

BETWEEN

R. R---f---t (A.)

Arthur Rackfart, Esq;

AND

Edward Perry, Esq;



DUBLIN:

Printed in the Year, M,DCC,LIV.





Kiss a Patriot's A--se.

O R,

LETTERS

Between *A-----r R---f---t*, Esq; and
E-----d P---y, Esq;

From Mr. Dunn's in Caple-Street.

Dublin, Aug. 4th, 1754.

S I R,

AS I have not the Honour nor Pleasure of being personally known to you, nor remember that I ever had any Connection whatsoever with you; I am much surpriz'd to hear you've taken Freedoms with me, unbecoming you to offer, or me to receive; and such, as having an ill-natur'd Turn, tend to the Prejudice not only of myself, but an innocent Wife, and nine Children.

If I am rightly inform'd, you was pleas'd to say, that you presum'd a certain Person or Persons, in immediate Opposition to Lord B——d's Interest, had influenc'd me to come now into this Kingdom, in order to distress, and hullo me at his Lordship; or used Words to that End. This, Sir, my Brother, G——e R---f--t, takes as levell'd at him, as may others, whom your own Reflection may easily bring to your View; the bad Consequences of which now reach me.

I am therefore, Sir, first to assure you, that Business relative only to the Welfare of my Family call'd me here, and that nothing but a Necessity of personally looking into my own Affairs, cou'd have prevail'd on me to undertake a Journey hither, disagreeable to me on various Accounts and contrary to the Desire and Advice of ev'ry Friend I have. I am further to add, that in this Step, or any I may take hereafter necessary for me, I neither intend, nor desire, to give the least Offence to your Friend, Lord B——d; but on the contrary, I wish him sincerely all Peace of Mind, and ev'ry Blessing his most sanguine Friend can desire: And I should think myself extreamly fortunate, if I cou'd in any Shape, consistent with the Duty I owe my Family, contribute thereto.

I am sorry therefore, Sir, to find, that you've so much mistaken both yourself and me, and as your Words effect the dear Pledges I have named, however my Situation, Circumstances, and Inclinations, lead me to stifle Resentment, for personal Wrongs merely: I must call on you particularly, to answer for what is in common to us both, and concerns them so Injuriously.

You will, therefore Sir, at your own choice, name an Hour, Place, and the Manner in which you chuse to justify this Proceeding: And at same Time understand, that I would at all Times chuse rather

to

to have any Man more my Friend, than an Enemy.

Utrum horum magis accipe.

I remain, Sir, your much injured humble Servant,

A——r R—f—t.

N. B. This Letter is very nearly a Copy of Mr. *R—f—t*'s Letter to *E——d P——y*, Esq; the Difference immaterial, if any.

S I R,

I Receiv'd a Letter Yesterday, signed *A——r R—f—t*, dated from Mr. *Dunn*'s in *Caple-Street*. I do not know the Person, nor am I sensible that I ever injur'd him, or any of his Family, in the least, by Word or Action; however, if he is pleased to think otherwise, I am; and always shall be ready to give him or any other Person, who shall think I have injured him, any Satisfaction he can demand. I shall remain at *Limerick* till the 19th of this Month.

9th of *August*, 1754. *E——d P——y.*

To *A——r R—f—t*, Esq;

Dublin, August 13, 1754.

S I R,

YOUR very ungentleman-like Letter of the 9th Instant reach'd me on Yesterday, which by no Means is an Answer to that I wrote to you, wherein I mentioned particularly the Injury done me, which you neither excuse, nor justify, tho' I plac'd it at your own Option. Your *intended Answer* therefore is an Aggravation in ev'ry Respect of your Offence, and urges me further to *question* you; and your adding, that you don't know the Person who wrote to you, argues what you say in the Sentence following, (that you are not *sensible*,) which I instance to you again, by reminding you that

that you thank'd me some Years past for solicited Attendance at the House of Commons, and Benefit done you there; which I here recite only, to cancel the *Obligation*, and to confirm your *Insensibility*. And, Sir, I take Leave further to say, that any *Man of Understanding and Spirit*, who reads my Letters to you, and your *intended Answer*, must conclude me greatly injured. I told you, Sir, that I came hither on Business of another Nature than your *Ill-nature* suggested. The Offence was given here, and here shou'd be answered; and I rest on your *Promise*, which the latter Part of your Letter gives me Room to judge will be the Case, as I require it here, and that *categorically*.

Therefore, Sir, in Answer to the Conclusion of your Letter, which says you're to be at *Limerick* till the 19th Instant, I am to say, that I shall be here till the 23d of this Month, and likely longer, and shall always be ready to give you a Meeting at a short Warning, and the Reception due from

A——r R——f——t.

To E———d P——y, Esq; in Limerick.

S I R,

THIS Morning I receiv'd a Letter from you, dated the 13th of this Month; by the Post-mark it appears not to be put into the Office till the 15th. I do not chuse to return the indecent Expressions it contains, because I consider what becomes me to say, not what the Person to whom I write deserves. The Answer I wrote to your first Letter I thought express'd most clearly the only two Things I intend to say to you, that I had not injur'd you, and that I was not terrified by the Threats you were pleas'd to make Use of. As that is not a satisfactory Answer in your Opinion, I must now inform you, that you shall never have one from me that shall be more so. The Business of my Profession necessarily calls me to *Ennis* on *Tuesday* next; but if it did not, I shou'd not think it incumbent

incumbent on me to ride Post one hundred Miles to meet a Man who is pleas'd to fancy himself injur'd. I write this therefore to inform you, that I will not go out of my Road one Yard to avoid you, nor one Mile to seek you. You need not give yourself the Trouble of writing any more Letters to me, for I shall not answer any upon such Subjects.

E——d P——y.

18th of August, 1754.

To A——r R——f——t, Esq;

S I R,

*A base unthankful Clownish Brood,
Return bad Offices for good;
But use them ill they're the Reverse,
And would be glad to kiss your Ar--se.* RABELAIS.

YOUR'S of the 18th Instant, which took up two Days Consideration which you charge to the Account of the Post Office, reach'd me on Yesterday, and convinces me that you really are A——. Your Memory should be good, for you're also a great *Lyer*: For having neither deny'd the Words I charg'd you with, nor excused for them, you must be sensible (if a scruple of sense remains) that you intended me the greatest Injury, aggravated if possible by your Letters; in one of which, you say, that if I yet think myself Injured, you'll give me any Satisfaction I can require. I have demanded *Satisfaction Categorically*, and in the Answer of Yesterday to my Letter for that End, you say you'll give me no further Satisfaction than your Letter affords, that your Profession calls you to *Ennis*, and that you'll not go out of your *Road*, which I leave you to pursue, for you're not worth my following, besides your *Road* is one I never use in your *Way*. You desire also to hear no more from me on this *Subject*, and in this I believe you; but you must excuse me, as I intend by giving Copies of your Letters and mine,

mine, of which this is one, to obtain all the *Satisfaction* your *distance* from me now affords.

I am now Sir, as you seem fond only of the *Theory*, to give you some *Indulgence*; and at same Time save myself Trouble, by desiring you'll imagine that I have this Instant given you what you richly merit from me, (a Kick in your A — se) and thereby dislodg'd any *Honour* you ever had from its Seat. This done, remember, Sir, that you've injur'd a Gentleman, whom you know not, but by his having plac'd on you an *Obligation*, that immediately afterwards you ran away upwards of one hundred Miles by your own Account, and cou'd not find the Way back again when called on; which however in *Prudence* as A — you judg'd right; for you thereby certainly postpon'd what you're now to *fancy* with more Satisfaction, and I doubt not now lick your Lips at. How long my Stay here will be, I can't certainly say, as pressing Business calls me hence, however if you require it, being a *particular Friend*, I shall wait till the Assizes of *Ennis* are over, and a few Days more shall occasion no Difference between us. My Place of Abode is in *Wakefield, Yorkshire*, but as a Journey to that Country may not suit with one of your *Constitution*, or with the Weight of *Business* your Profession engages you in, I will venture to say, that I will be in *Dublin* at the next Sessions of Parliament, Time enough to give you any *Meeting* you dare require, or even think of. When doubtless I shall know Mr. P — y, tho' he be disguis'd, by that Time, in a Masquerading-Sergeants-Gown, and I hope I have said enough to make you know

A — r R — f — t.

Dublin, August 22, 1754. 6 DE 58

To E — d P — y, Esq; at Ennis,

This is a true Copy of the Letters that passed between Mr. P — y, and Mr. R — f — t, Errors excepted, and Sign'd by me,

August 24, 1754. A — r R — f — t.

F I N I S.